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1. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. STOESSEL, MRS. JAYNE B. SPAIN AND COUNSELOR DAVID NALLE ARRIVED TASHKENT FEB 13 WITH SOVIET ENTOURAGE CONSISTING OF MESSRS. OGANESYAN (AND WIFE) OF AUCC, AZAROV AND FEDOSEYEV FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY. THEY WERE GREETED BY LARGE UZBEK DELEGATION CONSISTING OF DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, PRESIDENT OF UZBEK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND DEPUTY MAYORS (PLURAL) OF CITY. ALSO PRESENT WAS DELEGATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN WITH FLOWERS FOR AMERICAN GUESTS. UZBEK GOVERNMENT FURNISHED TWO LIMOSINES AND PROVIDED GUEST HOUSE FOR ENTOURAGE. GUESTS DEPARTED FROM AIRPORT WITH AIRPORT POLICE ESCORT OF TWO CARS, ALL TRAFFIC WAS HALTED EN ROUTE TO GUEST HOUSE. SPECIAL POLICE WERE STATIONED AT ALL INTERSECTIONS TO FACILITATE RAPID TRANSIT TO GUEST HOUSE.

2. AMERICAN GUESTS ATTENDED PERFORMACE OF BALLET "ANNA KARENIA" AT TASHKENT OPERA HOUSE ON EVENING OF 13TH AND WERE WARMLY GREETED BY DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OPERA.

3. IN A.M. OF 14TH PRIOR TO OPENING, AMBASSADOR CALLED ON
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MAYOR KAZIMOV AND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE JAYNE SPAIN CALLED

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ON DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF UZBEK REPUBLIC. BOTH MEETINGS CONDUCTED IN WARM ATMOSPHERE AND FILMED FOR TELEVISION.

4. OPENING AT 11 A.M. WITH CROWD OF APPROXIMATELY 325 PEOPLE (INVITED GUESTS). SUNNY, COOL AND CRISP WEATHER. OGANESYAN OF AUCC DELIVERED 10-15 MINUTE INTRODUCTORY SPEECH PRAISING AMERICAN OPENING OF TAH IN TASHKENT AND IMPORTANCE OF TRADE AND CULTURAL RELATIONS BETWEEN USA AND USSR. OGANESYAN INTRODUCED MAYOR KAZIMOV, WHO ALSO GAVE VERY CORDIAL SPEECH IN WHICH HE SAID CITY AUTHORITIES WOULD DO ALL TO ENSURE SUCCESS OF EXHIBIT. OGANESYAN THEN INTRODUCED AMBASSADOR STOESSEL. SPEECH GIVEN AS PER ADVANCE TEXT. JAYNE SPAIN DELIVERED SPEECH AS OFFICIAL OPENING TAH. SPAIN AND OGANESYAN THEN JOINTLY CUT RIBBON AT MAIN ENTRANCE. DIRECTOR URSINO LET ENTOURAGE THROUGH EXHIBIT. AMERICAN GUIDES PERFORMED EXCELLENTLY REFLECTING THOROUGH TRAINING. ENTIRE EXHIBIT FUNCTIONING VERY SMOOTHLY. OPENING CEREMONIES FILMED FOR TELEVISION AND TRANSCRIBED FOR RADIO. PRESS ALO PRESENT.

5. COMMENTS: OGANESYAN STATED QUOTE THIS EXHIBIT IS THE BEST THUS FAR OF THE THIRTEEN THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE SOVIET UNION UNQUOTE. MAYOR KAZIMOV SAID EXHIBIT WOULD BE OF SPECIAL INTEREST IN CITY WHICH HAD BUILT 8 MILLION SQUARE METERS HOUSING IN RECENT YEARS. ALL COMMENTS UNIVERSALLY FAVORABLE.

6. RECEPTION HELD AT NEW UZBEKISTAN HOTEL FOR APPROXIMATELY 180 GUESTS INCLUDING TOP UZBEK REPUBLIC AND TASHKENT CITY OFFICIALS, WITH VIRTUALLY ALL INVITEES ATTENDING. MAGNIFICENT PREPARATIONS WERE MADE BY HOTEL. TOASTS GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR, MAYOR KAZIMOV, OGANESYAN AND COUNSELOR FOR PRESS AND CULTURAL RELATIONS NALLE.

7. FOLLOWING RECEPTION, AMBASSADOR STOESSEL MADE TWO IMPORTANT CALLS ON DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER OF UZBEK SSR TURSUNOV AND TASHKENT PARTY SECRETARY KHODZAYEV. JAYNE SPAIN CALLED ON MINISTER OF JUSTIC VASIKOVA AND PRESIDENT OF UZBEK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ILKHAMOVA. BOTH LATER TOURED LENIN MUSEUM AND WERE SHOWN MAIN HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY.
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8. MAYOR KAZIMOV HOSTED VERY ELABORATE OFFICIAL SUPPER FOR AMERICAN DELEGATION AND SOVIET VIPS AT LOCAL RESTAURANT ON EVENING OF 14TH. ATMOSPHERE WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL, WITH NUMEROUS WARM TOASTS BY MAYOR, OGANESIAN, LOCAL PARTY OFFICIAL BARABASH, AMBASSADOR, SPAIN, NALLE, URSINO AND SOVIET COUNTERPART KUZMENKO. TOASTS STRESSED SUCCESS OF EXHIBIT, IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN USA AND USSR, EXCELLENT HOSPITALITY OF

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TASHKENT CITY AUTHORITIES. AMERICAN GUESTS PRESENTED WITH SMALL TOKENS OF UZBEK HANDICRAFTS AND SOUVENIRS OF TASHKENT. AMBASSADOR STOESSEL PRESENTED MAYOR KAZIMOV WITH BEAUTIFUL PHOTO ALBUM AND LETTER FROM MAYOR WES ULLMAN OF CITY OF SEATTLE (SISTER CITY OF TASHKENT).

9. NEWS COVERAGE CONSISTED OF FRONT PAGE ARTICLE IN TASHKENTSKAYA PRAVDA ON AMBASSADOR AND MRS. SPAIN'S ARRIVAL AND MANY RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS, WITH RECORDED SPEECHES OF OGANESYAN, KAZIMOV, AMBASSADOR, AND MRS. SPAIN. HIGHLIGHT OF COVERAGE LENGTHY REPORT ON EVENING TELEVISION NEWS ON 14TH, SHOWING OPENING CEREMONIES (ALL FEATURED SPEAKERS), COUNTRY KITCHEN, FAMILY ROOM AND LOGO. ALSO SHOWN WAS FOOTAGE OF VISITS OF MRS. SPAIN AND AMBASSADOR TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES ON MORNING OF 14TH. TELEVISION COVERAGE VIRTUALLY UNPRECEDENTED. SAME FOOTAGE REPEATED ON TWO SUBSEQUENT NEWSCASTS (ONE IN UZBEK). DETAILS OF OPENING ALSO REPORTED MORNING NEWSCAST FEB 15 ON CENTRAL RADIO PROGRAM MAYAK FROM MOSCOW.

10. EXHIBIT OPEN TWO AND A HALF HOURS ON LATE AFTERNOON OF 14TH FOR PUBLIC. ATTENDANCE 2500 WITH CROWDS MOVING VERY SLOWLY TO READ ALL TEXTS AND LISTEN TO ALL GUIDES. EXTREMELY HIGH PERCENTAGE OF SPECIALISTS IN CONSTRUCTION OR ARCHITECTURE. PARTY OFFICIAL BARABASH STATED THAT GROUP OF CITY PARTY WORKERS ATTENDED EN MASSE. FIVE PAGES COMMENTS IN EXHIBIT COMMENT BOOK VERY FAVORABLE.

11. ADDITIONAL REPORT ON NEWS MEDIA FORTHCOMING.

12. VOA CORRESPONDENT MARK HOPKINS COVERED OPENING.

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